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Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

From left, Kolton Battista, eight, Josh Giannattolo, eight, and Sam Demita, 11, spent Sunday morning fishing at Windmill Point Park, in Ridgeway. Anglers were invited to the 18th annual Hooked on Fishing, a free family oriented event at Windmill Point Park in Ridgeway. The event which aimed to educate the public about conservation and the environment was hosted by Land Care Niagara in partnership with Windmill Point Park.

Track set to open

Horseracing is a tradition in Fort Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

For horse racing fans, opening day at the Fort Erie Race Track signals a change in the seasons.

"All of our die hard fans love opening day because it means spring is here," said Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium.

The Fort Erie Race Track is set to open Tuesday, June 2 at 4:15 p.m.

"We're doing a little something different this year. Usually, we open on a Sunday during our family day but this year, we're opening during our Twilight Series so we will see how that goes."

Thibert said opening day draws hundreds of people to the track but it's difficult to determine the size of the crowd.

"It's always an estimate as far as how many people attend opening day. I don't think we've ever opened on a Tuesday before, and I think it will be interesting."

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Racing season to continue until October

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Horse racing fans that attend opening day will receive a free pair of Alive and Kicking sunglasses with the purchase of a programme.

Opening day at the track also features the return of the Tiki Bar Summer Series that will see Niagara-based band Vimy Flux perform a free concert after the races conclude.

The track will see the return of many popular events, which include the Farmers Market, Breakfast Club, Circle the Course and the 88th Prince of Wales Stakes on July 28.

The racing season will run until to Oct. 20, with races taking place on Sundays at 1:50 p.m. and Twilight Tuesdays running through to Sept. 1, then switching to a 1:50 p.m. post for the remainder of



Coltinus Prime won the 79th running of the Prince of Wales race, the second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown, at Fort Erie Race Track. Jockey Eurico Da Silva rode him to victory in the eighth race. The racing season kicks off at the Fort Erie track on June 2.

the meet.

"Our racing days have increased from 37 days last year to 40. It's still not enough to make it profitable but we're going in the right direction," Thibert said.

Thibert encourages the

community to attend the races on opening day to support the track.

"Everyone knows someone that has worked at the track, been to the track," Thibert said.

"So many people tell me that they have great memories of their father or grandfather bringing them to the track when they were kids."

Thibert said it's time to carry on the tradition of going to the track with a new generation of children.

"The nice part about racing, for us as a community

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racetrack, we look at Sundays as being our community day. It's a nice way to get out and see the sights, have a picnic and have a good time."

For more information on live racing dates and other events at the Fort Erie Race Track visit www.forterieracing.com.

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New CAO sees potential in Fort Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie is changing and Tom Kuchyt is looking forward to being a part of it.

"A lot is about to happen in Fort Erie. We will have a new high school and a new elementary school and we're pushing forward with the Canadian Motor Speedway," Kuchyt said.

The Town of Fort Erie's newest chief administrative officer said a talented and dedicated staff combined with "a new and eager council" helped him to make the decision to take on his new role.

After four years of searching, the Town of Fort Erie announced Friday that Kuchyt would become the next CAO effective June 1.

The position was left vacant when Harry Schlange left the job to go on to become the CAO for the Niagara Region. As an interim measure, Kuchyt said the position was rotated between town staff. Kuchyt assumed the role of interim CAO in January 2014 and has held the position ever since.

"We decided to do a rotation until we found somebody permanently, but the previous council decided it would be best to appoint one person. They thought it would be better for staff to report to one person (until a permanent CAO could be hired)."

Kuchyt admitted there was "a little hesitation" to take the position.

"It's a big task. It's not just steering the ship straight, you've got to give direction and keep us morale."

But after he took some time to consider it, Kuchyt said he realized he was up for the challenging task of serving as CAO.

"I enjoyed the last year and a half (as interim CAO). I've learned a lot with the new mayor and council. I like this group, they are energetic and eager to make changes."

One of his first tasks includes filling crew positions at town hall, including his old job as director of the town's infrastructure department. Kuchyt said he also hopes to improve communication at town hall with a public relations and communications position.

"I see a lot of things starting to grow here in Fort Erie. Once we can get the Canadian Motor Speedway moving along, that will spark a lot of other interest in this town," Kuchyt said.

Kuchyt, who has more than 30 years of municipal engineering and management experience, was recruited in 2006 to be the Town's manager of the engineering division.

He was appointed as the Town's director of infrastructure services in 2013 where he oversaw engineering, facilities, roads, parks and cemeteries, transit, fleet and water and wastewater services.

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Farmers market to bring life to Bridgeburg

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The inaugural Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market is one of the first events that will help to revive downtown Bridgeburg.

"It's one of the first visible and positive changes downtown," market coordinator Chrystal Haverstock told councillors during last Tuesday's council-in-committee meeting.

Haverstock asked councilors to support a lease agreement between the Town of Fort Erie and the Bridgeburg Station Business Improvement Association to allow the farmers market to operate at the municipal parking lot on Jarvis Street near Central Avenue.

Haverstock said the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market will open on June 2 and continue every Tuesday until Oct. 27.

It will run from 11 a.m., until 7 p.m., during the

month of June. The hours of the market will be re-evaluated in July to ensure it is best serving the needs of the community.

For the first time since the 1990s, residents living in Bridgeburg will be able to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

"It's been at least 20 years since the last grocery store move out of [downtown Bridgeburg]," Haverstock said. "Local fruits and vegetables (from Niagara) will be available to a vastly underserved community."

Haverstock said the market will feature "a small but diverse group of farmers and growers." There is still limited space available for vendors.

For more information, farmers can e-mail Haverstock at weirdorama.extravaganza@gmail.com.

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Point of View

Infrastructure covers new Liberal tax grab

When Premier Kathleen Wynne is about to take more money from

Ontarians, she says the magic word that is supposed to make it all OK.

Her magic word is "infrastructure." When Wynne announced Ontario will introduce a cap-and-trade carbon pricing scheme, expected to pour up to \$2 billion more a year into government coffers because of higher consumer prices, government officials said the money would go to environmental projects like transit infrastructure.

Ditto when Wynne announced her mandatory Ontario Retirement Pension Plan for three million workers, to be paid for by a 1.9% annual payroll tax starting in 2017, matched by their employers, raising \$3.5 billion a year.

In her 2014 budget, Wynne's officials said, "By ... encouraging more Canadians to save through a proposed new Ontario Retirement Pension Plan, new pools of capital would be available for Ontario-based projects such as building roads, bridges and new transit." Translation: More infrastructure.

When Wynne announced her impending sale of 60% of Hydro One to the private sector, she said \$4 billion of the \$9 billion the government hopes to raise would

go to transit and infrastructure.

Same for the \$100 million the government is planning to raise in through a new beer tax.

But when, how and if this money is spent on infrastructure is anyone's guess.

Wynne's Liberal predecessor, Dalton McGuinty, won power in 2003 promising not to raise taxes and then imposed the largest single tax grab in Ontario history, more than \$2 billion annually, which he said would be going into health care. Except we later learned some of the money went to general revenues, while health services were cut.

What's disturbing is the Liberals' lack of focus on paying down Ontario's \$298.9-billion debt, up 115% from the \$130.8 billion they inherited from the Conservatives in 2003.

Or that this year the Wynne Liberals will pay \$11.4 billion financing that debt — up from \$10.7 billion last year — before paying a penny of the principal.

The Liberals' inability to control spending and debt is the reason they're forever developing new ways to get more money out of taxpayers.

"Infrastructure" is just their latest cover story.

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Do you remember?

As there were no calls about last week's photo of the wolf cubs selling flowers, we are guessing that everyone was out in their own gardens taking advantage of the weather. This week's photo shows two wrestlers down for the count. If you recognize the referee or the one boy whose face is visible, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca

Letter to the Editor

Niagara Needs Regional Transit

Members of the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network, particularly our transportation working group, have been reading with interest the recent articles regarding regional council's business planning committee's motion on inter-municipal transit.

NPRN, which consists of approximately 40 organizations, educational institutions, social service

agencies and community members, strongly believe in an integrated inter-municipal transit system that connects residents from across the region. The economic reasons for such a system have been well documented.

As council considers putting the triple majority process on hold and asking the municipalities of Welland, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines to work together to present a new model, our hope is that the model for Niagara hon-

ours the proven practices of similar regions in Ontario which have developed a successful integrated transit system: a single fare service with links to all of Niagara's communities. We look forward to monitoring the discussions around an integrated transit system and learning how the new plan for an integrated transit system will work in and for all Niagara residents.

Elisabeth Zimmermann,
chairman, Niagara Poverty Reduction Network

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Port Colborne's Harbour Lite Singers to perform at Stevensville Hall

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Delicious hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, along with a great opportunity to support your library. Hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each year in June, the province of Ontario celebrates seniors and recognizes the contributions they make to their communities. This year, the 31st year of this observance, the theme is Vibrant Seniors, Vibrant Communities. In our own town of Greater Fort Erie, the library offers Wednesday afternoon programming in June that is free, open to all, and of special interest to older adults.

On June 3 at 2 p.m. at the Stevensville Hall, we will celebrate seniors and our valued library volunteers with a concert by the Harbour Lite Singers, followed by light refreshments.

The Harbour Lite Singers are a Port Colborne-based chorale of seniors singing for seniors, which began as a small group in 1997, directed by noted area musician Robert Wood.

Since that time, the ensemble has expanded to over 50 members, and now performs



Fort Erie Public Library
Amy Roebeuck

around the peninsula under the direction of Ron Gorham. Members come from all over the region, to enjoy singing show tunes, gospel pieces and songs from the "good old days" to appreciative audiences.

Abbey Stansfield, trained in museum curatorial work, will be at the Centennial branch on June 10 at 2 p.m. to talk about family legacies—not of money, but of memories.

What do you keep, and how do you keep it?

How do you create an oral history, before it is too late? What is the best way to preserve artifacts and mementoes, so they are treasures the next generation can enjoy and appreciate? Stansfield will offer tips and advice everyone can use.

Award-winning Algonquin Parks photographer Peter Ferguson brings wonderful new pictures and stories about Ontario's favourite park to the Centennial branch in a program on June 17 at 2 p.m. This

armchair visit is guaranteed to have no blackflies or mosquitoes.

Local historian June Chipp will reprise her very popular program on the vibrant history and landmarks of the old Erie Beach Amusement Park on Wednesday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at the Centennial branch. With extensive research and beautiful pictures, June can tell us about the rides and other attractions of this wonderful amusement park. Copies of June's book, A Self-guided History Tour of Greater Fort Erie, will be available for sale and signing.

Older adults also benefit from the Tech Help drop-in sessions given by our system administrator Michael Schell. On June 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch, and on June 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, people can bring in their electronic devices for one-on-one tutoring, troubleshooting and coaching.

The month of June is a great time for older adults at the Fort Erie Public Library. Visit our website www.fepl.ca for a complete listing of programs, movies and more for all ages.

Amy Roebeuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.



The kestrel is 'one of the most beautiful raptors'

Earl Plato
Special to The Times

We still drive south on Kaebel Road to Welland in 2015.

There are a few things that I miss. Heading north on Kaebel Road, on the right, was a big old oak tree. It's gone now, but it used to hold 30 to 40 noisy vultures.

During those years, resting on the telephone wires, nearby was almost always a Kestrel, also known as a sparrow hawk.

This article is about that beautiful raptor. The kestrel is the smallest member of the falcon family. So, you know that it is a very fast flyer.

From head to tails, it's only about 12 inches long. The raptor's wing-span is about 30 inches.

Like many raptors, the male is much heavier than the male.

The male is beautifully coloured. It is one of my favourite birds to view.

The kestrel is a daytime hunter. It

prefers open field as found around south Kaebel Road.

From its high perch on the telephone wires, it would soar off and hover.

Kestrels have keen eyesight as they usually mouse-sized mammals such as voles and shrews. They are excellent flyers. They hover, feeling into the wind and flapping and adjusting their long tails to stay in place.

I've heard someone say that the kestrel is one of the more colourful of all our raptors, I agree.

The male has a slate-blue head and wings with a contrasting rusty-red along with its black tail.

Both male and female have pairs of black vertical bars on the side of their pale faces.

Note: kestrels are declining in parts of their range in 2015. You can help them by putting up nest boxes.

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, historian and nature lover.

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Council opposes education development charge

Councillors disagreed with a proposed education development charge that would see an extra \$245 charge added to all new residential homes built in Fort Erie.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is pushing for the education development charge across Niagara. The school board approves the charge, the funds would be collected by the Town of Fort Erie and area municipalities and given to the NCDSB for the acquisition of new land and construction of

new schools.

According to a report prepared by Town staff, Fort Erie residents wouldn't see any of the money paid by them from the education development charge because a background study conducted by the school board shows that the NCDSB will only require three new elementary schools within the next 15 years, two schools in Niagara Falls and one in Grimsby.

Mayor Wayne Redekop thanked Town staff for the report during last Tuesday's council-in-

committee meeting. "The Education Development Charge will apply to growth mainly in Grimsby and Niagara Falls. The bylaw should ask the school board to confirm the charge to their specific towns with expected growth," he said.

Council approved a resolution to direct staff to appeal the bylaw should the NCDSB approve the bylaw.

The NCDSB will consider passing a bylaw to approve the education development charge on June 16.



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But we do have some weapons to fight against these bugs and I am going to share them with you. Hopefully, by knowing these, you will have a much more pleasant dental checkup next time.

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Dr. John Inigo

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Also, you can reduce the acidity by not consuming too many acidic beverages and foods.

Next time, we will discuss how to use xylitol.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905-871-2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905-894-5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com.

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Vendors needed for Ridgeway Summer Festival

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Vendors are needed for the 25th Ridgeway Summer Festival.

"The Ridgeway Summer Festival is going to expand this year and it's going to be bigger than ever," said Jesse Boles, the festival and events coordinator for the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Association.

"There's lot of new things this year and our hours will be extended," Boles said.

The annual summer festival, which draws hundreds

of people to downtown Ridgeway will be held on Saturday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The celebration will wrap up with a party at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230.

Boles said applications for vendors are available on the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association's web site at www.ridgewayont.ca. The deadline to apply is June 15.

For more information call Boles at 289-476-1311 ext. 4 or e-mail ridgewayfestivalsandevents@gmail.com.

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The 25th Ridgeway Summer Festival will be held Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5 in downtown Ridgeway.

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Ken Jones Sr., a member of the Niagara Railway Museum, invites the public to attend the museum's open house on Saturday and Sunday at its site, 21 Warren St., in Fort Erie

'It's the size and the power that really draw you in'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

For Ken Jones Sr., there's nothing like the sound of a steam engine.

"It's definitely an experience for the older generation to go back to the days of steam," said Jones, a member of the Niagara Railway Museum.

"Fort Erie has an extremely rich railway history. It had the second longest, if not the largest railway yard, in Fort Erie."

The community's railway history is something members of the Niagara Railway Museum hope to protect for future generations.

"It (Fort Erie's railway heritage) is a part of history that

young people have no idea what they missed."

That's why museum members are inviting the community to attend a two-day open house on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The open house will be held on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"I think there's nothing like a locomotive," Jones said. "It's the size and the power that really draw you in."

Admission to the open house is but donations to the museum are appreciated.

For more information visit www.nrfm.ca.

Jones remembers the old days when trains would bring passengers from

Ontario to the Fort Erie Race Track. Travellers would also come from Buffalo and across western New York to visit Niagara Falls, Hamilton and the Great Lakes on sea via train. He encourages anyone with an interest in Fort Erie's locomotive history to attend the open house.

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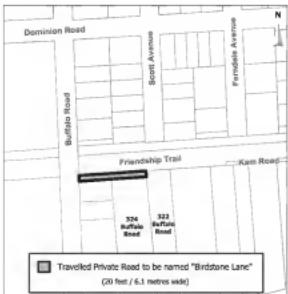


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PROPOSED NAMING OF A TRAVELED PRIVATE ROAD AS "BIRDSTONE LANE"

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie proposes to pass a by-law to name a travelled Private Road as "Birdstone Lane". The purpose of the proposed street naming is to assist with emergency response.



The proposed by-law and map for the naming of the travelled Private Road may be viewed at the Clerk's Department at the Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario.

On Monday, June 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, Fort Erie, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie will hear any person who claims to be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.

Any person wishing to address Council is required to register with the Clerk's office by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015 by contacting 905-871-1600 ext. 2236/2212. Written comments will be received by the undersigned until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

DATED at Fort Erie, this 28th day of May, 2015.

Laura Bubanko, Town Clerk

Town of Fort Erie

1 Municipal Centre Drive,

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REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION #ISF-15RFPQ-HERITAGE

HERITAGE MASONRY CONTRACTORS

The Facilities Division, Infrastructure Services Department of the Town of Fort Erie requires the pre-qualification of HERITAGE MASONRY CONTRACTORS for current and future work Heritage Building Monuments and Structure. The pre-qualification will allow Contractors to bid work either as a Prime Contractor where the scope work is primarily of the specific trade and is described as pre-qualified in the tender documents or as a Sub-Contractor where the specific trade is nominated as pre-qualified in the tender documents.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Scope of Work for Heritage Buildings, Structures & Monuments;

- a. Historic stone and brick cleaning, repointing, replacement, and reconstruction.
- b. Historic concrete repairs and replacement.
- c. Historic terra cotta repairs and replacement.
- d. Historic stucco, parging & rendering repairs and replacement.
- e. Integration of historic finishes (parging, stucco, rendering, shelter coats, coatings etc.) with appropriate materials and methods.

2. Competencies:

- a. Extensive knowledge in masonry conservation standards, guidelines and practices.
- b. Substantial experience in heritage masonry conservation, restoration and repairs.
- c. Knowledge and experience of traditional masonry techniques including stone carving and traditional lime mortars.
- d. Knowledge and experience in a wide variety of natural building stones such as limestone, sandstone, granite, marble and slate.
- e. Extensive experience of working on Heritage Designated Buildings and structures as well as National Historic Sites.
- f. Thorough understanding of stone, brick, terra cotta and mortars.
- g. Ability to solve problems and take direction as required.

SUBMISSION COORDINATES

The pre-qualification selection criteria shall be based on the contents of a CCDC 11 - 1996 (R2006) submission.

Completed pre-qualification documents must be submitted enclosed in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "PREQUALIFICATION FOR HERITAGE MASONRY CONTRACTS" must be submitted to the attention of Mr. Bart Ménage, Manager, Purchasing and Finance Services, Municipal Centre, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, until 2:00 p.m. local time on: **FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015**

To obtain a copy of the Official Request for Pre-Qualification document, please contact Bart Ménage, Manager of Purchasing and Finance Services, Town of Fort Erie Municipal Centre, bménage@town.forterie.on.ca or (905)871-1600 ext. 2303.

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

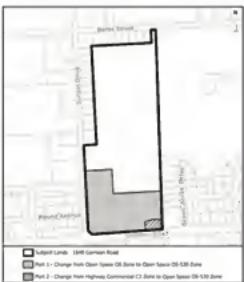
APPLICANT: STACY VELD, DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

File No. 350309-0392

OWNERS: 1746840 ONTARIO INC. (PAULINE PETEK, PRESIDENT)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 76-2015 on the 25th day of May, 2015 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 17th day of June, 2015, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.



Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 76-2015 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Open Space OS Zone" and "Highway Commercial C3 Zone" to "Open Space OS-530 Zone". All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended related to lands zoned "Open Space (OS) Zone", shall apply to those lands zoned "Open Space (OS-530)" except for the following:

- a) The lands may only be used for recreational uses, a public school including secondary uses in the main school building being an auditorium, day care, offices, public library, and restaurant associated with culinary programs, and buildings and structures accessory thereto.
- b) The permitted uses shall be subject to the following:
 - i) Maximum lot coverage – 25%
 - ii) Maximum landscaped open space – 20%
 - c) The maximum width of any joint ingress and egress driveway ramp measured along the street line shall be 14.0m.

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June 12th, July 3rd & August 14th

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June 26th, 27th & 28th

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August 8-9

4th Annual Summer Studio Tour

South Niagara Artists

10am - 6pm

At varying artist studios spanning the shores of Lake Erie from Wainfleet, Port Colborne to Ridgeway and Fort Erie.

southniagaraartists@gmail.com

www.southniagaraartists.ca

Visit the website for maps and participating artist information.

September 13th, 2015

Art Start and Membership Social

Fort Erie Arts Council

2-5pm

Sanctuary Centre for the Arts

209 Ridge Road, N, Ridgeway

forteriearts council@gmail.com

www.forteriearts council.com • 905-894-8373

Come join your neighbours and fellow arts council members to get your "art started" with the Fort Erie Arts Council! "Art Start" is a casual, drop-in gathering with complimentary refreshments and activities. "Kids Creation Corner" will be set-up for FREE crafts. There will be registration for Kidoodle and adult art classes, a membership booster (sign-up and give-aways), and a forecast of upcoming events and activities for volunteers to sign-up and information.

September 26th & 27th

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October 17-18

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October 23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st

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November 8th

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Chelsy MacMillan and Dakota Augustine, both 22, were the first residents to marry in a civil marriage ceremony on May 19, at the Town of Fort Erie.



Laura Bubanko, a clerk for the Town of Fort Erie, married Chelsy MacMillan and Dakota Augustine at town hall last Tuesday. The couple was the first to marry in a civil marriage ceremony at town hall.

Nuptials now a civil affair

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

favour of a simple service with a few friends and family.

Fort Erie's newest couple celebrated their nuptials with a ceremony at town hall last Tuesday.

Chelsy MacMillan and Dakota Augustine, both 22, were the first couple to wed during a civil marriage service at the Town of Fort Erie.

Dressed in casual attire, the newlyweds said their 'I do's' shortly after 10 a.m.

"It's really cool that we are the first couple to get married (at town hall)," the bride said.

MacMillan and Augustine, who both grew up in Fort Erie, met as children.

"We met in Grade 3 and we were always together. Then we reconnected later in life when we started talking a lot through Facebook."

The couple decided to skip a costly wedding in

Bubanko to provide civil marriage services during a council meeting in April.

The cost of a civil marriage ceremony is \$300. The price includes booking town hall for the ceremony, answering all the questions that come along with a special event, performing the ceremony and registering the marriage with the province.

"I knew that the service would be well received because many of the girls who work here have told me many people come and ask about it," Bubanko said.

So far, Bubanko said several couples have already registered for the service.

For more information about civil marriage service at the Town of Fort Erie visit www.town.forterie.ca or call 905-871-1000 ext. 2211. sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca



Mike DiBattista Postmedia Network

Dominion Road is the Region's worst road for 2015, according to CAA Niagara.

Dominion Road worst road in Niagara, says CAA

Alison Langley
Postmedia Network

Dominion Rd. in Fort Erie has earned the dubious distinction of being the worst road in Niagara and ninth worst in the province, CAA Niagara announced last Thursday.

"Road users have been very clear about what problems exist on Dominion Rd.," CAA Niagara spokesman Rick Mauro said of the results of the recent CAA Niagara Worst Roads campaign.

"Ninety-nine per cent said potholes/crumbling pavement prompted their votes."

Comments posted on CAA Niagara's Facebook site referred to Dominion Rd. as "dangerous" and "brutal" and in need of a complete

reconstruction.

While the southern Niagara roadway topped the list of the 2015 CAA Niagara's Worst Roads campaign, motorists should experience better conditions in the future as the region has earmarked between \$11 million and \$12.2 million to fix the crumbling road.

Niagara Region has money in the 2015 budget for design work for two portions of Dominion Rd.," said Mike DiPola, associate director of transportation engineering at the region.

The areas of Dominion Rd. scheduled to receive an overhaul are Burleigh Rd. to Dundas St. and Lakeshore Rd. to Helena St.

"It's not unusual to see a

road that is about to be repaired rise in the ranks of Worst Roads," Mauro added. "It's a darkest before the dawn scenario, typically."

Construction is scheduled to start next year and continue in 2017.

While pleased that region is addressing the crumbling road, Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop would like to see

the project accelerated.

"I travel Dominion Rd. almost daily and it doesn't surprise me that it's the worst road in Niagara," he said.

"It has deteriorated very quickly over the last two weeks. I don't think parts of that road are going to weather the next couple of winters."

Last year, Dominion Rd.

was ranked second worst road in Niagara, with Stanley Ave. in Niagara Falls voted the worst in the region and second worst in the province.

With the ongoing road work expected to wrap up by late summer, Stanley Ave. has fallen to the fourth spot in Niagara and is no longer on the provincial list.

"When it's done Stanley Ave. should make the best roads list, if there is such a list," said Niagara Falls mayor Jim DiDiodato.

Almost 200 roads were nominated this year which Mauro said demonstrates the need for local government to keep infrastructure a priority.

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Revving up excitement for the Bridgeburg Car Show

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Car enthusiasts are gearing up for the 7th annual Bridgeburg Car Show.

The Central Firefighters Association will hold the annual car show this Saturday at Central Fire Station.

"We're hoping for a good crowd in Fort Erie," said Dan Harkins, who is co-organizing the event with other members of the Central Firefighters Association.

"There are a lot of events that happen in Crystal Beach, Ridgeway and Stevensville but there isn't much that happens in Bridgeburg. This event matches the revitalization that is starting to happen in downtown Bridgeburg and we want to see it blossom into a festival."

The car show will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and an after party will follow.

"What we've added this year, which is different, we're calling an after party. We want to appeal to a bigger audience so we're going to have live bands, a beer tent, and we'll have a DJ playing music."

The after party will begin when all of the trophies have been awarded to car show participants.

Also new this year, the event will feature food trucks from across Ontario and 20 craft vendors. There are also plenty of



File Photo Fort Erie Times

Six-year-old Grace Knobel and her dad, Eric Knobel, attended the 6th annual Bridgeburg Car Show at Central Fire Station in this file photo. They viewed a variety of cars including this 2009 Dodge Charger.

activities that include a bouncy house and face painting to keep the young.

Admission is free but the fee to participate in the car show is \$10.

Proceeds from the event will benefit community projects supported by the Central Firefighters Association.

For more information about the Bridgeburg Car Show e-mail car show chairman

Chris Coshiser or Central Fire Station Association President Bill Troupe at wtill@Cogeco.ca.

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Renovation to add much needed space to animal shelter

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Animals looking for their forever homes will have more space to wait once the renovation of the Fort Erie SPCA is complete.

The Jarvis Street animal shelter is undergoing a \$115,000 expansion which will add 600 square-feet of space and four new rooms to the facility.

"This is very exciting because this is the first improvement in our shelter expansion-wise in 30 years," SPCA manager Wendy Trombley said.

The money to fund the project was raised through fundraisers and private donations. Trombley said she is grateful for the support that the community has given to the shelter.

"The generosity of some of the people has been absolutely phenomenal," she added.

The expansion includes more space for housing animals, an examination room, a "living room" style comfort room where prospective

pet owners can meet and connect with animals ready for adoption, and an office space for the shelter's investigation officer.

Other renovations include the installation of a new heating and cooling system.

Construction began Monday and is expected to last 12 weeks.

"This renovation frees up a lot of space. We're hoping with the extra space that we will be able to add an extra free-roaming cat room. It is an amazing thing to see. The cats love to play in there," Trombley said.

The shelter's first free-roaming cat room opened last April, giving its feline residents the ability to walk freely and play instead of living in a cage until they are adopted.

Trombley said the shelter houses over 100 cats and 30 dogs when the facility is at capacity so the addition is greatly needed.

Last year, about 1,500 animals were rescued by the shelter's staff.

Extra space means that the animals can be examined and



Sarah Ferguson/Fort Erie Times

A construction crew began a \$115,000 renovation at the Fort Erie SPCA Monday to add four new rooms to the animal shelter. From left, kennel attendant Marie Walker, kennel attendant Melissa Ott, provincial offences officer Mark Dickson, manager Wendy Trombley, assistant manager Robyn Voyle and provincial offences officer Ken Trombley are looking forward to seeing the changes at the animal shelter.

cared for before they are moved into the general population to help stop the spread of germs, Trombley said.

The shelter is accepting

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Sharon Allen, founder of the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue, invites the community to attend .

Rock'N'Rollers hit the stage to support horse and pony sanctuary

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Get ready to rock.

The Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue and Sanctuary is hosting its second annual Rock'N'Rescue Benefit Concert at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre on Saturday, May 31.

"This year, we've expanded the concert quite a bit," said Sharon Allen, founder of the animal rescue. "We've got more than 70 vendors in the arena, we've got a balloon person, a clown and the Ringtail Ranch Exotic Rescue from Wainfleet is coming."

Founded in 2007 in Crystal Beach, the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue on Rehstock Road is currently home to more than 30 horses and ponies.

With support from volunteers and donations from the community, the farm provides a home and a place for unwanted or abused animals to be rehabilitated. The horses come from a variety of backgrounds. Many of the horses are former racehorses who had their careers cut short due to injury.

Allen said the concert has become one of the farm's major fundraisers.

"This is the kickoff to our fundraising this year and we're hoping it will bring in a lot of cash because we need to get our hay and all kinds of stuff to feed the animals," Allen said.

"We're operating in a shortfall right now so every little bit helps."

The Rock'N'Rescue will begin at 1 p.m. and feature pony rides, food, a silent auction and performances from Guilty Pleasure, Elton Lamme, Mary Lou Minor and more.

Rock'N'Rescue T-shirts with the names of the bands that will perform at the event will be available.

Tickets are \$10 per person and children 10 and under are free.

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Niagara reacts to cancellation of Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program

Maryanne Firth
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With no difficulty, Tom Liszten recites the names of several Niagara businesses that all share one distinct commonality—their owners have all gone through the recently-used Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program.

The owner of Liszten Consulting knows first-hand the benefits of the provincially-funded program and, as a result, has difficulty understanding the decision to cancel it.

The program's three Niagara facilitators—Ontario Office Works in Welland, Niagara College and an office in St. Catharines—Business Business Success and Loan Centre of Greater Fort Erie—were notified by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities last Friday that OSEB would come to an end across the province March 31, 2016, ending a more than 20-year run.

Students currently enrolled will be able to complete the program, but no new applications will be accepted.

"It's disappointing to myself and many of my colleagues who went through the program successfully," said Liszten, whose Welland-based marketing consulting company will celebrate its first anniversary next month.

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Kim Videcak, owner of Heavenly Chocolates, is pictured stirring up a batch of sweets in her King St. shop on Friday, May 22, 2015, in Port Colborne, Ont. Videcak's business is one of several in Niagara that would not exist without the recently-cancelled Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program.

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Program aids unemployed adults by teaching them skills to operate a successful business

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The 42-week program aids unemployed adults by teaching the skills required to launch and run a successful business, while also providing income support.

Lisz described the funding provided through the program as "a lifeline" that made it possible for his business to get off the ground.

"I can't put it any simpler," he said, adding it alleviates some of the pressure immediately felt by new business owners and allows them to focus instead on a path to success.

Like many people before him, Lisz enrolled in OSEB after the company he was working for shut its doors and he had difficulty finding work.

"The program gave you the ability to change your circumstances, to control your circumstances," he said, adding it also allowed unemployed citizens the chance to again become productive, give back, pay taxes and generate an income.

While the government recognizes success stories have emerged from the program, "the reality is just over half of the people enrolled in the program actually

completed it," said ministry spokesperson May Nazar.

"We have a responsibility to allocate taxpayer dollars in a responsible way."

The government invested \$49.2 million for OSEB in the 2014-15 budget.

The majority of funding once allocated to the program will support the new Ontario Youth Job Grant, while a portion will be transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure for entrepreneurship programming, Nazar said. It will be determined over the next year how the MEDEI funding will be used.

Nazar said the province invests more than \$1 billion annually in Employment Ontario programming and that "every Ontarian who wants to access employment and training services will continue to be able to do so."

She urged people interested in starting a business to seek assistance through the MEDEI's small business enterprise centres — including those in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, which offer seminars and workshops on different business topics, one-on-one consulting and information on

programs and services available from all levels of government.

The MEDEI announced Friday the province is investing more than \$1.5 million to launch the second rounds of Youth Skills Connections, Strategic Community Entrepreneurship Projects and High School Entrepreneurship programs across Ontario.

The programs, part of Ontario's Youth Jobs Strategy, are intended to help young people find jobs and start businesses.

While he acknowledges youth employment is important, Steve Helwig, manager of the Fort Erie centre that facilitates OSEB, believes there's a much larger audience the government is missing by seemingly switching gears.

With demand and need for the OSEB program, geared toward unemployed adults, has been on the rise, which made its cancellation both "shocking and disappointing," Helwig said.

Inquiries, he added, continue to steadily roll in from would-be entrepreneurs looking to enrol.

"We're told small businesses are where the growth employment is," Helwig

said, adding he does not understand how cutting the program could benefit that trend.

"I really feel for people. You want to start a business, you have a great idea. You just need some support."

Helwig believes taxpayers got a "pretty good return on investment" from dollars spent on this program. Funds were used to create taxable businesses that contribute to the economy, while also creating new jobs, he said.

"Sure, not every business makes it, but there's still a good return there."

It was the OSEB program that allowed Ryan Hegedus and business partner Stacey Clare to launch Welland-based Above and Beyond Cupcakes.

Since the pair took classes in St. Catharines in 2011, they have not only opened doors to the sweets shop, but also expanded and hired a staff of six.

"The program helped us to build our business, to create those jobs," Hegedus said, adding she was in disbelief that it was cancelled.

"There really isn't anything else out there."

Hegedus and Clare had spent much time searching for promising work in

Niagara and when that fell short, they began looking at options to get their own business going.

"It felt like there wasn't a lot available," Hegedus recalled, adding it came as a huge relief when the young entrepreneurs discovered OSEB.

"The money we made we were able to plow back into the business, instead of paying ourselves," she said, which helped the startup to grow.

Kim Videcak, who took the program in 2013 before launching Heavenly Chocolates in Port Colborne, is hopeful the government is simply taking a step back to re-evaluate the way the program was run and funded.

She hopes to see an altered version return in the future.

"Otherwise, it's going to hurt more people in the long run," she said.

"People are going to end up staying on unemployment longer."

With limited jobs in the community, Videcak said becoming a business owner is the only employment option for some jobseekers.

Welland MP Malcolm Allen called the cancellation a short-sighted mistake that

will have a significant impact in Niagara.

"We're relying more than ever in this region on small business owners," he said, while adding it's "disappointing to see a training program disappear that was so successful."

While Allen thinks funding for youth employment is needed, he does not believe programming to help adults should suffer as a result.

"Unemployment is unemployment. It doesn't matter what age you are," he said, adding programming is needed to create jobs for all age groups.

The New Democrat plans to speak with local chambers of commerce to "find out how we can work together to find folks opportunities."

Niagara College is the largest facilitator of the program in Niagara, offering classes to a average of 90 people annually.

Spokesperson Susan McConnell said the school is "still assessing" news of the cancellation and determining how to move forward.

"Our staff is happy to talk to anyone about their options, to help them get back to work."

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Fort Erie resident kicks off Be the Good, See the Good movement

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A small act of kindness can make a huge difference.

But it's these small acts of kindness that are often overshadowed by the horrific headlines in the news.

That's why Fort Erie's Tanya Rouble is hoping to shed some light on some of those small acts of kindness through her Facebook page called Be the Good, See the Good...

Be the Good, See the Good is a movement to "find and place at the forefront, the good side of the human spirit."

Rouble said the goal of the movement is to "remind people worldwide that amazing acts of courage, kindness and selflessness exist and the numbers of these acts far surpasses the number of the opposite in nature."

"This idea came to me around the time of the Boston Marathon bombing. So many people were grieving, panic stricken and losing hope in mankind," Rouble said.

"One day, as I browsed around Facebook, constantly seeing posts of headlines

about the bombers, about the disasters left behind, about the pain and despair the event evoked, I happened across a quote that gave me hope."

The inspirational quote Rouble found encouraged her to find stories about the people who assisted after the Boston Marathon bombing.

"I looked back at all the articles and video with new eyes and I searched for the helpers. They were there. They were everywhere," Rouble said.

"Often, unsung heroes are given a moment or two in the limelight while the guts of the reports revolved around the bombers and the destruction they left behind."

Rouble saw "hundreds" of people who came to assist people affected by the Boston Marathon bombing.

"I'm sure the ripples set in motion by each helper, like a water on a calm lake, began to affect friends and families of the victims. I'm certain those ripples are still far reaching today."

Since she began her Facebook page on March 16, Rouble has been collecting artwork, photos and news

articles from across the world.

"It (the Facebook page) is really getting noticed. We've had almost 800 followers like the page in eight weeks."

People living in Fort Erie, and as far as the United Kingdom and Europe have taken notice of the Be the Good, See the Good movement.

The movement has grown quickly in the last few weeks and now Rouble said people are beginning to share their own stories on the page.

As the movement continues to grow, Rouble said she'd like to build a web site for Be the Good, See the Good and perhaps create a book.

"I want this project to provide a place for people to find inspiration," Rouble said.

"I want to see it morph into something that will help more and more people and even make them feel good."

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Fort Erie's Tanya Rouble created a movement called Be the Good, See the Good. She created a Facebook page and is gathering stories to highlight the good side of the human spirit.

Hailing a new era in the taxi industry?

Bill Sawchuk
Postmedia Network

The Police Services Board is considering rewriting the rules for taxis in Niagara.

"There have been enough complaints from municipalities that I think we need to look at it as soon as possible," said Andy Petrowski, the chairman of the board's administration committee, which oversees licensing for taxis and tow-trucks.

"The bottom line is I think there is room for significant improvement. Everything is up for review and we have to have an open mind listening to the operators and drivers. And the public is more than welcome to attend and bring their concerns or suggestions as well."

There will be a special consultation session held June 29 at police headquarters, 110 James St., St. Catharines. The committee will take verbal or written submissions.

"We do annual public meetings in the fall, but this is a public consultation session being held in advance," Deb Morton, chairman of the Police Services Board, said.

"The board had the opportunity to go to the vehicle-for-hire industry and ask them for comments and input before the bylaw amendments. When we get to the fall public meeting, there will be some draft proposals based on the feedback."

Hamid Patni, president and

CEO of Coventry Connections, which owns Central Taxi, said change is nothing unusual in the industry. Coventry is one of the largest operators of taxis in Canada.

"Regional councils and licensing boards look at things from time to time," Patni said. "Ultimately, what is important is the consumer and are they getting adequate protection? Is it safe and reliable? Is it enforced properly?"

The licensing committee wants input on a number of areas including solutions to problems getting taxis during peak periods, Petrowski said.

One solution is Uber, a ride-sharing service. Uber customers use a mobile app to request a ride, set a pick up and drop off location, and get a cost estimate before confirming the ride. Drivers use their own vehicles.

"We have to be able to look at the Uber model, a model that according to their passengers, provide responsible and affordable service," Petrowski said. "I'm sure some taxi operators might scream, but the customer will decide what service they want. Customers aren't stupid. They won't get into unsafe vehicles."

There is no Uber service in Niagara, but Patni said Coventry owned companies compete against Uber in markets outside the city.

"The issue is, are they getting into a cab that has a qualified driver?" Patni said. "For us, it is about moving people safely."

A taxi waits for a call in St. Catharines.



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"If the cab gets hit, do we have the right insurance. To insure a taxi cab costs roughly \$10,000. If a person is picking up people in their own private car, they are paying \$800 or \$900. We know what it takes to provide coverage. If you hit in one of those cars and need rehabilitation, the question is who is going to pay for that? There are serious questions to be asked."

Uber's model allows the driver and the customer to see the other's profile and confirm or reject the ride. The user pays ahead of time. "While we don't have

specific launch plans in the Niagara Region at the moment, I can tell you that Uber aspires to be in every city around the world where current transportation options fall short of meeting consumer and driver demand," Uber Canada spokesperson Susie Heath said in an emailed response. "We are always exploring which city will be next."

Another subject under examination is the possibility

of region-wide taxi licences. Licences are issued for individual municipalities.

"There are advantages to regional licences," Patni said. "If you are in Niagara Falls on a summer night, there is a lot of business and not enough cabs. A responsible company could move cabs from St. Catharines or Welland and push them into Niagara Falls at the right time — and then remove them at the right time."

Patni cautioned there are also disadvantages.

"If you are in Grimsby or a small centre, the cabs servicing that population will say it will be much more lucrative for me to be working in Niagara Falls or St. Catharines. The customers will be left without any service. That is the reason the plates will be registered to different municipalities."

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Brick for road in need of repair

A brick for Daytona Road, which is even worse than Dominion Road. Driving down Daytona, it's filled with just as many pot holes as Dominion Road. It feels like a rocky roller coaster.

Brick for costly vet bills

A brick for the high cost of veterinary bills. I think it would be a good idea for the government to put a cap on the bills and charge according to income. People who aren't well off love their animals just as much as someone who has money. I think it would be a good idea to start a government-funded program to catch feral cats and spray them and release them. I just want to see a change and it has to start with the vets. They should have more programs. We're supposed to be an intelligent animal loving country but we're not.

Brick for people who cut their trees down in the spring

A brick for people who cut down trees at this time of the year because all of the baby birds and squirrels are nesting and it's absolute stupid. Why would anyone want to do it now? Please wait to the fall when the birds and the squirrels won't be nesting to avoid a tragedy.

Brick for people block motorists' sight

I would like a brick sent to the people who park their vehicles near the end of their driveway at a busy intersection. While stopped at that corner, it's impossible to see if there is any traffic coming from that way. It's an accident waiting to happen. If the van could be moved up just three feet it would be much better. The one I'm thinking about has been there for quite a while.

Bouquet for school performance

A big bouquet for Stevensville Public School for their performance of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. The kids were fantastic. A lot of time and hard work was put into this presentation by the students, teachers and parents. I know the performance was enjoyed by all. Awesome job. Can't wait to see what they do next year.

Bouquet for a crossing guard

A bouquet for a crossing guard. Thanks, Linda, for raking leaves, picking up litter, and snow shoveling on Ridgeway Road near Tim Hortons. We need to see more people like you trying to help keep the village clean.

Bouquet for family

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Dry spell brings low lake levels

Don Fraser
Postmedia Network

Water levels in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence are low, but authorities say we're not yet in a drought.

Rob Caldwell of Environment Canada says an especially dry and cold winter and early spring slashed water supplies, but that trend isn't expected to continue.

As of last week, Lake Ontario waters are 19 cm below average, and 35 cm lower than last year. It has been five years since lake levels were this low at this time of year.

"We do anticipate, with average water supplies, that (levels) should rise to average by mid July," said Caldwell, who is also a representative with the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control. He points out that in April, levels along the lake rose 33 cm when they would normally rise 21 cm.

Lake Erie's levels are not currently an issue and are now 2 cm above average. Lake levels themselves are mostly affected by surrounding water supplies.

Michel le Boutilier, of the federal fish and wildlife agency, says water levels for both Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River are forecast to stay below average till mid-July.

Boutilier said it isn't an "immediate concern" to the department, as the water levels are not at extremely or historically low levels, but strong winds or wave can temporarily change water levels by more than half a meter in some places, according to the board of control.

"From a navigational perspective, the minimum water level requirements are currently satisfied," he said.

Meanwhile, Environment Canada's David Phillips said Niagara has been through a protracted dry spell in recent weeks.

Phillips said from the last week of April to May, Niagara seen 15 mm. of precipitation and 80 mm is normal. March to May, to date, has produced less than 100 mm, with about 200-215 mm being the usual amount.

Even casting back from November to May shows total precipitation was about 60% of normal.

The last month in the region has been about two degrees warmer than normal, Phillips added. Precipitation is forecast here over the next few days, what Phillips called "million-dollar days for agriculture."

"But we're still seeing only a 30-40% chance, so it's not like a done deal," Phillips said. "Plus the warm up continues and the potential rains which we probably need, are not going to be there."

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Communities-in-Bloom is committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with a focus on enhancing green spaces in communities.

As the warm weather inched nearer to us, I hit as many garden centres as possible - to do some reconnaissance work (what's new, trendy and unique) and to help me plan what will be going into our garden this year. As I observed the dizzying array of flowers and plants, and pondered the seemingly endless colour combinations, another thought came to mind... the Communities-in-Bloom annual competition is just around the corner. This year Fort Erie will be competing internationally and we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of our national flag. Here's 2 excellent reasons to join in and do your part to make your home and yard look their best. While it needn't take a lot of money or plant material, it will take some thought and effort, but look at it this way: you deserve to live in a beautiful space, both environmentally and aesthetically. Canadians tend to be a very modest bunch, but this is no time to be a shrinking violet. Remember the commercial that announced "I Am Canadian"? Well, stand tall, get creative and show you are proud to be Canadian. For example, consider a red and white theme (like our flag)... container gardens, window boxes, flower beds. Think of the visual impact if all across town you could see red and white; and what a statement it



would make as well to the international judges who will be visiting Fort Erie. Our town has accomplished a lot despite our small size and it has been possible because a great many people have worked together, each doing their small part for a result that became a greater whole. Let's all do our small part again for a continually improving greater whole.

Fort Erie sits amid one of the most picturesque spots anywhere and it wouldn't take much to make it even more scenic and inviting. So, consider this as your invitation to clean up and spruce up what you call home. While you're at it, think about entering the Communities-in-Bloom competition this year. It can be enjoyable and informative. While you may not be awarded a 5-bloom designation, you'll still be rewarded with something great - a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction, as well as pride that you contributed to something bigger than yourself. Let's show our notable Canadian spirit and 'paint the town red and white'! Happy gardening!



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Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Bowling for kids' sake

Mayor Wayne Redekop was awarded the Mayor's Challenge Trophy by Kaitlyn Samways and Burlene Hart, both of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara, during Monday night's council meeting. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara recently held its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser, and mayors from Niagara were challenged to participate. Redekop's team, which consisted of fellow councillors, raised \$600 and a total of \$34,000, was raised for the organization.



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Community garage sale expected to draw crowd to Ridgeway

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The second annual Battle of the Yard Sales will offer shops, plenty of bargains and unique finds.

The ultimate yard sale will be held Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from 8 a.m. to noon with participants sprawled through the Village of Ridgeway.

"The idea behind Battle of the Yard Sales is to bring people from outside the community and introduce them to Ridgeway," Ridgeway Business Improvement Association chairman Derrick Dea said.

The goal of the yard sale is to

encourage people to get involved in the town, he added.

Dea said everyone is welcome

to participate by gathering all of

his or her gently used items for

the two-day garage sale.

Last year, Dea said about a

1,000 shoppers visited Ridgeway

over the course of the event.

"It really got a lot of people to

visit downtown Ridgeway. It had

a huge impact."

Dea said he expects the sale

will draw huge crowds again this

year.

RBIA members will prepare a map of participating residents

that will be made available at

shops and restaurants in down-

town Ridgeway.

Participants are encouraged to

register for the yard sale by visiting the Flying Squirrel Lounge at 238 Ridge Rd. North, or e-mail derrickdea@gmail.com.

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Who: The Ridgeway Business Improvement Association

What: Host Battle of the Yard Sales

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FOR KIDS

FATHER'S DAY STORY AND CRAFT

Thurs, June 11, 6 pm, Centennial branch

Wed, June 17, 3:30 pm, Crystal Ridge

Thurs, June 18, 3:30 pm, Stavensville

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Rio Vista Retirees

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Fifty-six seniors attended to do what they like best: play their weekly competition.

The format was an

individual type using the short hole six and closest to the pin on hole seven.

Winner of the 50/50 draw was Chris Baker and the monetary price went to Bruce Stapleton.

First place, with a net 30, was awarded to the team of Neil McInnon, Harry Visser and Doug Horner. Second place was awarded to the foursome of War-

ren Hanks, Walter Pearce, Barry Hopkins and Glenn Dickson with a net 36.5.

Third place, with a net of 37, was Tom Holden, Dennis Ballay, Norm Obrien and Don Coach. After they finished, the guys were treated with a nice lunch at the Rio Vista club house.

This week featured a 'Beat Your Handicap Event.' The results were not available before press time.

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Fort Erie Sting defeated 1-0

Fort Erie String's Avery Mauucci battled a Pelham player for the ball Monday at Centennial Park in Pelham. Fort Erie's Under 11 girls team lost their first game of the season 1-0.

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Sports Wall of Fame inductees share a passion for tennis

Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

What started as a fun activity turned into a competitive sport for two local women who will be inducted into this year's Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame.

Anne Marie Hudak and Dr. Patricia Teal became a force in ladies doubles tennis winning many amateur awards at the local, regional and national levels. For more than 30 years the women have been playing tennis together and were instrumental in cultivating the programs and facility growth in the Fort Erie Tennis Club.

After playing for fun, they decided to join the United States Tennis Association in Buffalo and started entering tournaments. In the summer of 1988, they won their first national championship in California after winning the local Buffalo championship and the Eastern championship.

Ten years later in 1998, they got more Canadians involved forming Team Niagara and played in the senior division. They went to win their second national championship in Tuolumne, AZ.

Both women still love the game and share the same sentiments about tennis and how it has been a part of their lives.

"I still love the game for the very same things as when I started. It keeps me in good health and I still enjoy the social aspect," says Hudak.

Teal says playing tennis always makes her smile.

"Tennis has provided me with a sport to share with my family. It is a source of wonderful friendships. Tennis has given me the opportunity to encourage the love of sport in the youth of this town," she says.

Getting youth involved in tennis has been a cause of the duo as there were no junior programs at one time, to which they provided free tennis lessons with the help of other adult players and

volunteers. With the help of bingos, the FETC has gone from only four courts to seven - two of those being clay.

Hudak says in a small town like Fort Erie, a facility like the FETC is great for all ages.

The FETC still provides racquets for youth that need them and point out it is a great sport for kids to get involved as it is not as expensive as some sports.

"You just need a racquet and running shoes. Sports give children opportunities for competition and to socialize. You learn good sportsmanship and valuable life lessons through sports," says Hudak.

"I am so honoured to say they are very honoured to be a part of the Sports Wall of Fame and to be among the many phenomenal athletes in town."

Hudak and Teal will be inducted at a banquet and induction ceremony hosted by the Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie on Friday, June 19 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex, at 6 p.m.

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Meteors looking for talent at training camp

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Port Erie Meteors hopeful can get their first taste of junior B action.

The team's coaching staff, including head coach Rob Hubbert, are

offering the 2015 Port Erie Meteors Identification Camp.

The two-day rookie camp will be held on Saturday, June 6 from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Erie

Leisureplex.

The training camp will offer a goal clinic, skills training and scrimmages.

"This is an annual event. We reach out to the young kids and give them an opportunity to come and show us what they've got, whether they plan on trying out for this year, next year or the year after," said operations manager Tony Passero.

"It gives coaching staff an opportunity to evaluate some young, good talent from around the Niagara region."

Players ages 15 to 18 are invited to sign up. The cost is \$100 per person. The deadline to apply is June 5. Application forms are available online at www.jrbforterie.point-streaksites.com.



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Cannons continue slow start to season

Josh Thomas
Special to The Times

The Fort Erie Cannons continued their slow start to the season this past Wednesday, losing 10-4 to the visiting Welland Chiefs.

The home loss was the team's third in a row in Niagara District Senior Men's baseball regular season.

Coming off of 3-0 and 5-2 losses to the Rose City Thorns and Niagara Falls Expos respectively, the Cannons were looking to get back on track in their home opener at Oakes Park, but it became apparent that Welland had other plans.

Welland was able to capitalize on a few early fielding errors, scoring five runs in the first two innings.

The Cannons fought hard but the team was unable to come back from an early deficit. Despite a home run by Kris Hodges and a few strong offensive innings, the Cannons dropped their third straight contest.

While it isn't ideal, Coach Justin Hall believes with a few adjustments the team can erase their slow start.

"We need some timely hitting, we left the bases loaded three times and a total of 12 guys in the game against Niagara Falls," said Hall.

Hall said overall team defence can be better, but it's early in the season—teams are sometimes slow out of the gate.

There's no panic in the Cannons locker room, they're coming off their best season, in which they posted a 17-7 record, and they have pieces this year that they didn't last year.

"This year, one of our biggest assets is our pitching and it was one of our biggest problems last year so that's huge for us," said Hall.

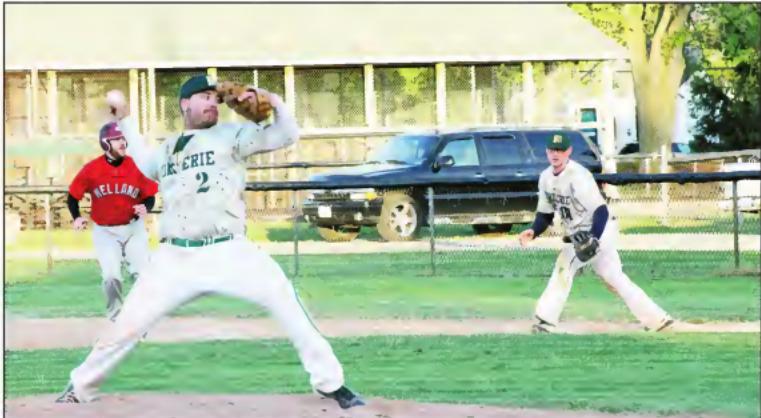
In a 24 game season, 0-3 is not what a team hopes for, but it isn't the end of the world either according to Hall.

If the Cannons can continue their strong pitching and get their bats going at the right times, they feel they will be fine.

It is worth noting that the Cannons started their season off with three games against the top three teams in the league, but Hall isn't making any excuses.

"It provides a good challenge for us out of the gate," said Hall. Even though they lost those games, Hall feels they were always in it.

The Cannons hosted Niagara Falls Wednesday. Results weren't available before press time.



Josh Thomas Special to The Times

Fort Erie Cannons starting pitcher Matt Pine delivered a pitch in a losing effort against the Welland Chiefs on Wednesday night at Oakes Park.

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DATED at Fort Erie,
this 11th day of May, 2015.

Evelyn Nigh, Estate Trustee
of the Estate of Donald Henry Jacobi
508 Lakeshore Road
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L2A 1B5

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ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of Donald Henry Jacobi, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 27th day of March, 2015, after June 5th, 2015, when the date the Estate was wound up, are required to send full particulars to the undersigned, at the address above, within 20 days of the date the Estate was wound up, or the date the undersigned shall receive notice, whichever is later. The undersigned will not be liable to any person of whom they shall not receive notice of claim.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2015
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**HUFFMAN, John Raymond**

Peacefully on Sunday May 24th, 2015, with his great-niece Amanda, by his side, at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in his 90th year. He was preceded by his mother Gladys, and son John Lukka and his wife John, many nephews, nieces and sister-in-law Linda Huffman. He is predeceased by siblings Allan, Harold (Muriel), Evelyn (Art) Elve, Ronnie and Donnie. John was a WWII Veteran in active duty with Queen's Own Rifles Regiment. He enjoyed a life of hunting, fishing and golf. His ashes will be ready mixed by all. WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. A graveside service was held at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery, on Wednesday May 27th, 2015. In memory of John those who wish may donate to the Ontario Wildlife Foundation.

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

In Memoriam

Remember Your Loved One!

LEJEUNE, Marlene Donna (nee Loos)

- in her 81st year, passed into the loving arms of her late husband, Jim (2013), on May 19, 2015. Cherished Mom to Cathie (Brian) Wrightman, Laurne (John) (Ronald) Hillier, and Chris Leleukas, and beloved "Grammy" to Lindsay (Dustin) Switzer and Kyle Wrightman. Caring and faithful daughter of the late Jack and Chrystal Loos. Also survived by sister Gloria (George) Bach, and son-in-law Mark (Amanda) Scott and Vivian (Mark) Lewis. Also fondly remembered by many cousins, nieces and nephews. A kind and gentle soul, Marlene was devoted to her family, and thoroughly enjoyed the many gatherings that she and Jim often hosted. A great lover of nature, she spent many happy hours on her front porch, or in her garden, or using the lawn as an airstrip. Touring the countryside in her treasured Buick brought her great joy. Lasting friendships were formed while employed at the Amer Company, and during her many years with the Times Record Family. Friends and family will forever remember her warm smile and easy chuckle, but perhaps most of all, we will miss that fabulous banana bread! The family would like to thank Niagara EMS for their quick response, the doctors and nurses at the GNGH, IDH, for their consideration and thoughtful services and the Palliative Care nurses at DMH for their very kind and thoughtful care. Thanks also to Dr. Scher and Dr. Stoltz for their attentive support throughout Marlene's battle with Parkinson's Disease. Memorial donations will be appreciated to the Parkinson's Society of Canada. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES INC.

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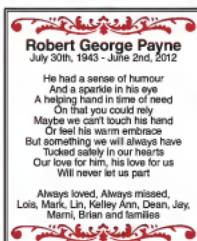
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